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PATENT: Mail Stop AF  
Attorney Docket No. 10279.0020-02

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: )  
Brett HAARALA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3767  
Application No.: 09/690,473 ) Examiner: Benjamin Huh  
Filed: October 18, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 1891  
For: GUIDEWIRE COMPATIBLE PORT )  
AND METHOD FOR INSERTING )  
SAME )

**Mail Stop AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31**

Sir:

Applicants appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the claim rejections appearing in the final Office Action mailed August 22, 2006.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ A Petition for extension of time to respond to the final rejection was filed on [Date] extending the period for response to [Date].
2. ☒ A Petition for extension of time to extend the period for response to January 22, 2007 is enclosed together with payment of the extension fee of \$450.00.
3. ☒ Payment of the Appeal Fee of \$500.00 is enclosed.
4. ☒ A pre-appeal brief conference is requested. A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review is attached.

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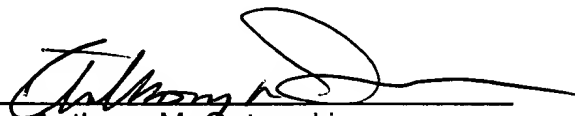
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Notice of Appeal and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 22, 2007

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony M. Gutowski", is written over a horizontal line.

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